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SUBJECT : PRIME MINISTER RESIGNS FOLLOWING ARRESTS OF  
LEADING LEFTISTS

1. THE PRIME MINISTER OF BAHRAIN, SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN SULMAN  
AL KHALIFA, HAS SENT HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION TO THE AMIR,  
SKAIKH ISA BIN SULMAN AL KHALIFA, HIS OLDER BROTHER, ACCORDING  
TO BAHRAIN RADIO BROADCAST AFTERNOON AUGUST 24. THE RESIGNATION  
OF THE CABINET FOLLOWS CLOSELY ON THE ARRESTS OF AN UNSPECIFIED  
NUMBER OF LEADING LEFTISTS: THESE ARRESTS BEGAN NIGHT OF AUGUST  
22/23 AND ARE CONTINUING. THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED  
BY THE GOB AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND THE  
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PEOPLES' FRONT. RESIGNATION LETTER CITES INABILITY OF PRESENT

CABINET TO CARRY ON FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT IN THE FACE OF UNCOOPERATIVE AND ANTI-NATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

2. LETTER CLOSES WITH REQUEST TO AMIR TO CAREFULLY AND FULLY CONSIDER THE POLITICAL/SECURITY SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. A LATER OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT STATED THAT THE AMIR HAD RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, THAT HE APPRECIATED THE PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENTS AND UNDERSTOOD FULLY THE SITUATION WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBED, THANKED THE ENTIRE CABINET FOR ITS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTRY, AND ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE PENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PRIME MINISTER.

3. RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS, ALSO CARRIED ON THE GOVERNMENT RADIO, DISCLOSED THAT VARIOUS CABINET MEMBERS HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES (SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, QATAR, UAE, OMAN, IRAQ, IRAN AND EGYPT) WITH AMIRI LETTERS TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS, "EXPLAINING" THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION.

4. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH (NOT TOO MUCH, WE WOULD GUESS), THE AUGUST 24 GULF WEEKLY MIRROR (ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLY) CARRIED A LEAD ARTICLE THAT THE ARRESTS OF LEFTISTS ENABLE THE GOB TO FOIL "AN ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOB". ARTICLE FURTHER STATES, "ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN GIVEN, IT IS UNDERSTOOD FROM INFORMED SOURCES THAT QUANTITIES OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES WERE ALSO SEIZED IN A SERIES OF RAIDS EARLIER THIS WEEK". ARTICLE ALSO LINKS THOSE ARRESTED IN BAHRAIN WITH MEMBERS OF THE ARAB COMMUNIST PARTY CURRENTLY UNDER ARREST IN KUWAIT FOR ALLEGED BOMBING ACTIONS.

5. THE OFFICIAL GOB ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ARRESTS STATED THAT THOSE INVOLVED "WERE PROMOTING PRINCIPLES AND PLANS WHICH CONTRADICT (BAHRAIN'S) SOCIAL BELIEFS AND AIM TO CREATE CONFLICTS BETWEEN SOCIAL CLASSES". THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT "PROPAGATES ILLEGAL PRINCIPLES AND BELIEFS" AND THE PEOPLES' FRONT "HAS SIMILAR ACTIVITIES, AIMED RECENTLY AT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES".

6. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NEITHER THE ARRESTS OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEFTISTS NOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE CABINET HAVE RESULTED IN ANY PUBLIC DISORDER OR VIOLENCE.

7. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA AND OTHER INTERESTED MIDDLE EAST POSTS CURRENTLY UNDER MINIMIZE.

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